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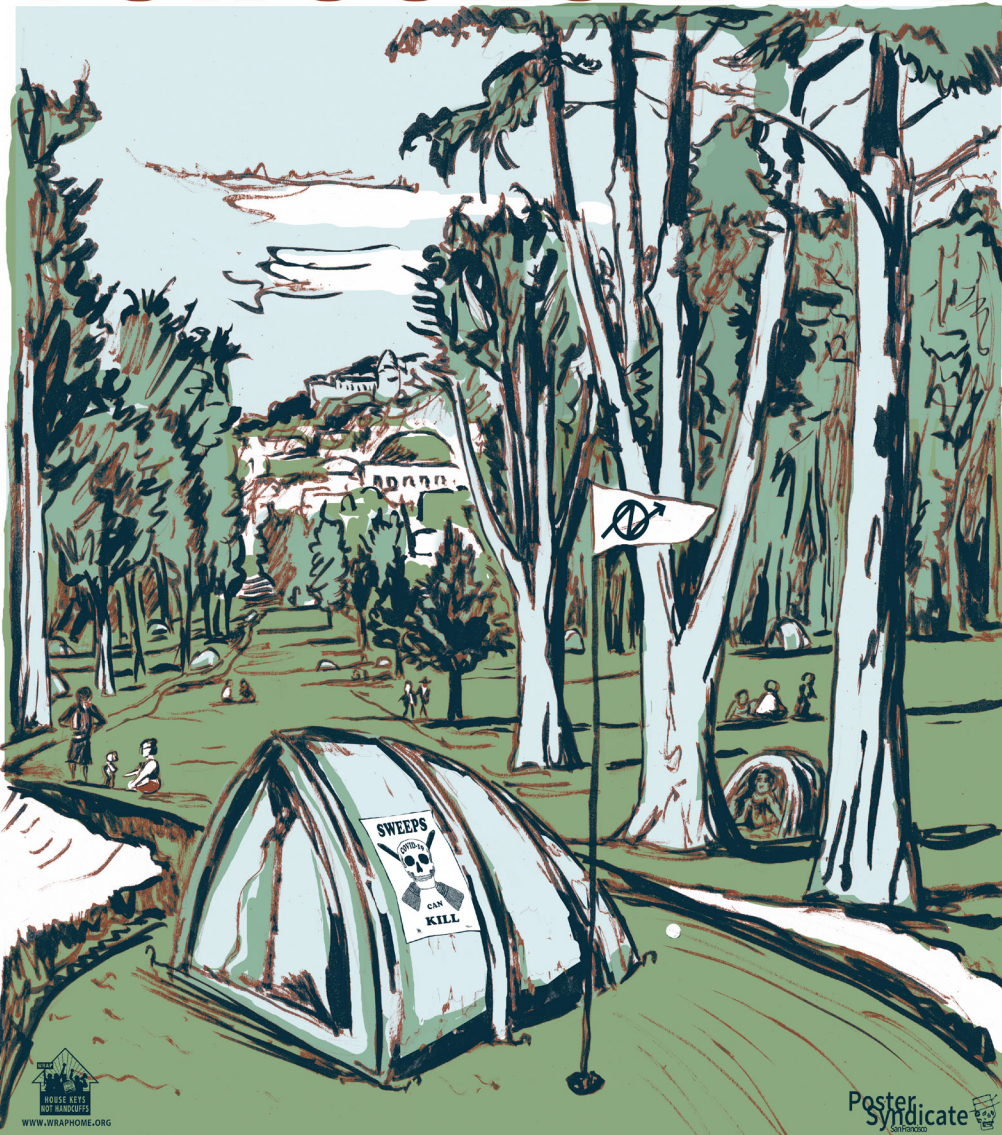
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For some, summer means rest. For Groundcover News, summer means going out in the middle of all the hustle and bustle and doing what we do best: moving papers, talking with the community and participating in public life with all of its surprises. A lot of things happened this summer both locally and globally. I don't think I am alone in noticing the great levels of activity in the community this summer. It felt like there was always something happening in downtown areas — from closed-down roads to pop-up outdoor concerts to protests calling for change.

To be honest, sometimes it's hard to keep up. Taking time to rest and reflect is so important especially because taking it slow is vital for long-term change. This necessity contradicts a different imperative, which is staying informed on what is going on in our society. Nowadays, it's hard to read the news. Taking time to talk — and listen deeply — to our neighbors is critical to getting this information. What place does citizen journalism, and Groundcover News, have in all of this? During the Ann Arbor Art Fair, the shoppers and passersby provided a surprisingly pleasant white noise. Amidst all the craziness at the Groundcover booth, I was happy and at peace to be seated under the shade, surrounded by our crew. I was able to watch Groundcover vendors "do their thing." They would give a pitch, shout out a greeting and a lot of the time get people to stop — even for just a few seconds. From there ... well, you know ... you're the one holding this paper. In the wise words of Ken Parks, take a natural breath. Summer's almost over!

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Groundcover News, a 501(c)(3) organization, was founded in April 2010 as a means to empower low-income persons to make the transitions from homeless to housed, and from jobless to employed. Vendors purchase each biweekly copy of Groundcover News at our office for 50 cents. This money goes towards production costs. Vendors work selling the paper on the street for \$2, keeping all income and tips from each sale. Street papers like Groundcover News exist in cities all over the United States, as well as in more than 40 other countries, in an effort to raise awareness of the plight of homeless people and combat the increase in poverty. We are proudly a member of the International Network of Street Papers.

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ASK YOUR VENDOR

How would you spend \$10M in our community?

In a recent session at the Groundcover News office, vendors were asked what they thought \$10 million dollars of public money should be used for. The session was facilitated by organizers from The People's Budget for Equity and Justice (read more on page 5) as a conversation. This is a summary of vendor replies:

Buy land for use as "the commons."
— Ken Parks, #490

Education. Specifically trades and life skills. Teach how to navigate computers in-depth. Plumbing, for example, can bring in good money as a career.
— Jay Gordon, #533

Agree with Jay. Disappearance of Home Economics and Auto Shop has been negative. Landscaping and masonry are always-needed job skills as are marketing, investing and cooking.
— Justen White, #543

Give it to the Socialist Party.
— James Tennant, #174

I don't think it should just be given to people.
— Joe Woods, #103

The money shouldn't keep being spent on the same stuff. For example, we can fix the roads with the right type of material so they don't need fixing over and over again.
— Schillington Morgan, #148

Agreed about the roads, but everything in general should be used more cautiously. The city could "pay" property taxes on homes when people were in arrears.
— Teresa Basham, #570

Give it to Groundcover and similar entrepreneurial-encouraging nonprofits. Agencies all want to help by doing things for people but this is a self-help organization. I've seen people who were down when they came here... now walking around with their chests up. It's [Groundcover is] about empowerment.
— "Snap," #205

We won't be silent anymore

When the unheard find their voice and tell their story, many will listen for the authenticity that opens heart and mind. The Poor People's Campaign (PPC) of June 18, 2022, in Washington D.C. nurtured the spark which had often been dormant since the historic events of 1968. That last year of Martin Luther King's life tells us much about the state of the unfinished American Revolution.

There was a Poor People's Campaign march and encampment shortly after his assassination; it was swept by police and eclipsed by a long list of tragedies that hit the civil rights movement as it matured to embrace social and human rights with an anti-imperialist working class awareness. The ruling class has many resources to convince you of their superiority and to dismiss your lived experience in order to survive, but the aspiration for freedom arises regularly and you can find it in Groundcover News. We want engaged readers as we learn to create a life-friendly political economy. Good work makes all workers smile.

I first heard the good news of Rev. Barber when the Moral Monday Marches began in North Carolina a few years ago. He is on the cover of the May 12, 2022 issue of Groundcover News where you can find the article by Ann Derrick Gaillot from the International Network of Street Papers titled "Reverend Barber and the revolutionary power of poor people."

We had begun the work of participating in the call for a moral revival to spring forward in Washington D.C. and sprout everywhere. Our first report of the June 18th march and rally was in the July 1, 2022 issue. Joe Woods is on the front cover with an amazing display of peace and justice art. His article on page six helps make that issue a collectors' special.

The work of follow-through continues. Building on the enduring heritage of our ancestors moves forward as we remember those who have gone before us and are widely recognized as the enlightened ones of humanity. Choose whoever speaks to you from this assembly and feel empowered to come alive as a lifestyle. Even when you are down, embrace the fatigue that arises regularly, take a break so that you can return when you are ready for the clarion call to move with purpose, grace and dignity. As is



taught: One Struggle Many Fronts. Each one of us can grow into a new relationship with one another as we discover that reality is a workable situation.

On July 16, I did not have a ticket for the bus to D.C. I checked in with the Ann Arbor Coalition Against War at their Wednesday meeting by Linda Wan's backyard peach tree where we share stories of the struggle (especially the Friday night 5:30 p.m. vigil at the downtown Ann Arbor Post Office), with great appreciation for each other's diverse experiences and our common experiences — picketing, drumming and flier distribution. Everyone supported the Poor People's Campaign and some wanted to go but could not. Linda collected all the cash in the house and I got a ticket. Amazing Grace!

So then I had to fold many fronts into this one as the focus of the struggle and get prepared for the trip. I had my own food and arrived on time but without the locket I always wear. I decided to visualize it instead of going back to get it. As I walked, I did not look at messages but upon arrival at Depot Street I learned the bus was late. I had scanned messages earlier but did not see anything about a vaccine passport. Digital is not my first language and I had

assumed that if we paid for the ticket everything would be in order.

Our PPC bus captain expected us to have the vaccine passport and intense negotiations followed as none of the Groundcover crew getting on the bus had one. Joe called Lindsay, our publisher, who assured the bus captain that we were vaccinated as part of Groundcover News protocol, and we got on the bus.

In my opinion, it was the bus company's responsibility to see that everything was in order before they took our money. To put that work on the bus captains was an "unfair labor practice." I did not feel it was a lack of discipline on our part but another sign of the confusion that arises in the course of organizing in a profit-driven chain of command system and its matrix of compliance.

We were not required to wear a mask on the bus. I did not ask if the air filtration system was state-of-the-art. I had my own remedies that have kept the flu at bay for 40 years. Herbal spray and Vitamin D for sure.

The delay meant that our bus was late again.

We stopped in Toledo to pick up more people. A poster fell on the bus floor next to me. As I picked it up someone stepped on my hand. I jerked my hand from under their foot, felt no pain, handed them their beautiful sign, accepted their apology, shrugged it off and then the pain hit. I turned on the light and put on my glasses to examine the wound. There was little blood but a flap of skin in the web between the first joints of thumb and finger. I sprayed my

see PPC page 8 ➡



Groundcover vendors Ken Parks, Joe Woods, Derek Allen and Jay Gordon (pictured left to right) before boarding the bus to D.C. in June.

Washtenaw County is making big changes to emergency housing access center

CYNTHIA PRICE
Editor

It is no secret that getting in touch with Housing Access of Washtenaw County or HAWC – the “single point of entry” for people who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of experiencing it – has been exceedingly difficult. People tell stories of calling on a daily basis for a month and still not getting through, or HAWC setting appointments for intake interviews without regard to work hours or ability to access a phone.

Now the County has taken action: terminating its agreement with the Salvation Army, who oversaw the process, and putting out a request for a new agency or agencies to replace it.

The situation with the backlog of unanswered calls had gotten so bad that Major Brian Goodwill, the Washtenaw Corps Officer for the Salvation Army, sent out a letter on June 10 taking responsibility and vowing to address it “within three to four weeks.” This was concurrent with the Salvation Army upgrading its phone system. Two weeks later there was an update, saying that they had decreased the backlog but not eliminated it, and indicating that the upgraded call center would be up and running July 8.

But before progress towards these goals could be evaluated, during an open listening session regarding HAWC on July 28 came the announcement that the county would not renew

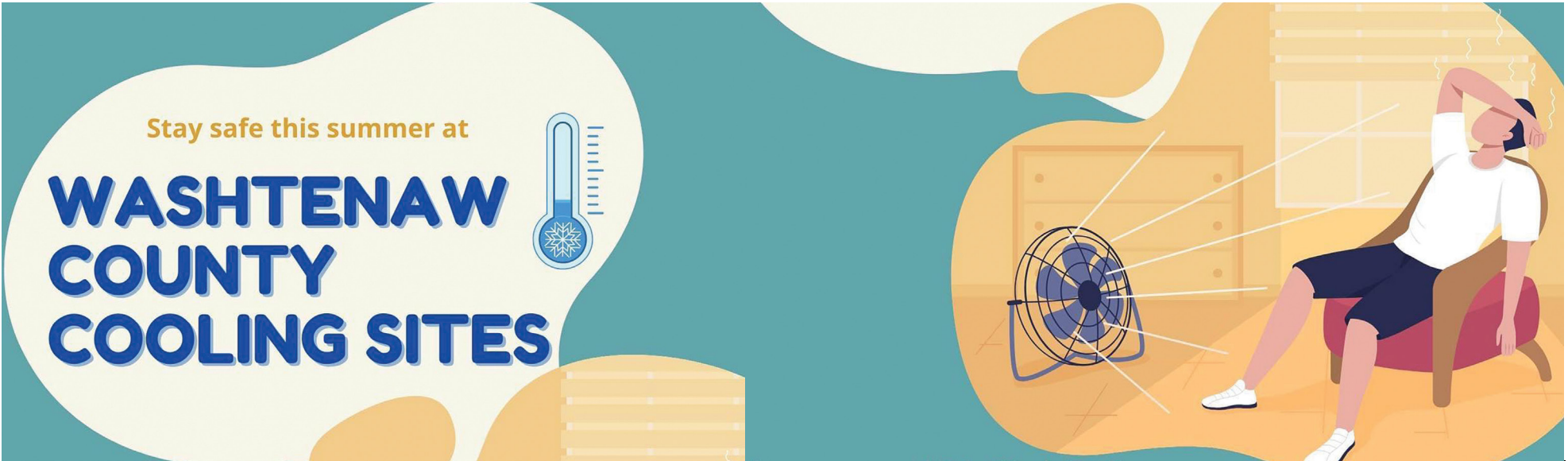
its contract with the Salvation Army when it ended Sept. 30, and was going to seek a new provider with a new system. The County’s Office for Community and Economic Development (OCED), which also oversees other shelter solutions such as the Delonis Center, is responsible for the contract, though the funding comes from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority’s Emergency Solutions Grants. Solicitations for management of the Housing Assessment Resource Agency — or HARA, the more generic term for what HAWC does — will go out sometime in mid-to-late August with a probable due date of September 12. With an end date of September 30 for the Salvation Army, OCED hopes to have the new provider start October

1. But the County is deliberating about how to handle it if there are delays in that timeline.

They are also trying to figure out how to provide those services better. Even the notion of “single point of entry,” which means that people only have to call one centralized number for a wide variety of needs, is up for grabs. Under this system, people are directed from one source (the HARA) to all of the various providers of services, from emergency shelter to re-housing; calling the providers directly without a referral is not an option.

In a series of listening and discussions sessions held by the County, stakeholders of all natures have

see HAWC next page ➡



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The People’s Budget for Equity & Justice — community conversations about participatory budgeting

MIRA SIMONTON-CHAO
Groundcover contributor

Gathered in the Groundcover office, a small group of Groundcover vendors were asked: How would you spend 10 million dollars in your community? The answers vendors gave, ranging from give it to Groundcover to invest in infrastructure to finance trade school programs, can be found in this very edition and are just a few examples of the many different responses Greg Pratt has received from the community.

As a volunteer for the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice (ICPJ), Pratt has spent the last year posing this question to individuals and small groups across Washtenaw County as a part of ICPJ’s The People’s Budget for Equity and Justice investigative process. Through facilitated discussion, Pratt and others are working at the micro-level to engage the community in continued discussions about participatory budgeting.

Participatory budgeting is a budget-making process that centers community members in decision-making, giving the people the power to decide how their money is spent. Rather than reacting to the County administrator’s budget, many versions of participatory budgeting ask individuals to brainstorm ideas, work together to develop their own budgeting proposals, and then vote on said proposals in a democratic process. As Pratt notes, “The power is in the people’s hands.”

Participatory budgeting initiatives have been introduced in major cities around the world with notable examples in Chicago, Vancouver, and Porto Alegre, Brazil. In Cambridge,



On July 21 representatives from The People’s Budget held a roundtable discussion with Groundcover News on the question: How would you spend 10 million dollars in your community?

Mass., the community has spent the last two months brainstorming ideas on how to spend \$1 million dollars of the City’s FY24 Budget on capital projects to improve Cambridge. In November, these ideas will be voted on by residents over the age of 12, with ideas ranging from the implementation of colorful sidewalks to increasing support for seniors and veterans.

The People’s Budget is a collaborative action campaign that centers participatory budgeting while working to address larger questions of racial justice, racial equity and reparations. It encourages the community to re-envision how public money is spent and the county’s present budget-making process. In conversations with members of the unhoused community and people with organizations such as Groundcover and Washtenaw Camp Outreach, recurring themes have already begun to emerge, including investing in emergency, transitional and other shelters and funding Land Back and other land sovereignty projects. These con-

versations are a starting point.

“I mean you can’t just have a meeting where you say, ‘Hey, what are you gonna do with 10 million dollars?’ and then expect in an hour that people are gonna be able to fully think through all of that and deliberate over that,” said Pratt. ICPJ’s role within this process is to help facilitate these continued conversations, to work to build a community collaboration to educate, inform and engage people about participatory budgeting and create excitement around its future potential.

“In community work like this, grassroots work, nothing is ever wrapped into one neat, perfect package with a bow and everything,” said Pratt. These conversations are ongoing, and ICPJ’s work is an iterative process. As Pratt notes, “It’s not like we just have one big meeting and then solve the whole thing.” These conversations will continue long into the future with ICPJ facilitating community conversations this fall, with the first scheduled Sept. 20 at the Ypsilanti Freighthouse, from 5-8.

➡ HAWC from last page

suggested that having more than one number and/or several walk-in locations might serve people better. There are also different proposals for combining the intake, a preliminary fact-gathering interview, and the assessment to see what will best solve the person’s problems — currently done separately — requiring more calls and time. Commenters called for a concentration on equity

along many lines, from racial to geographic.

No decisions have been made, but before the request for proposals goes out, OCED staff will try to make sense of the many suggestions.

When all is said and done, the real change needed is for society to reflect its values of compassion and generosity and pressure the County to put more money toward hiring

more people for more hours (along with funding potential technological solutions). When asked about the process, Jessi Averill, a Groundcover News volunteer, said, “That’s the issue: funding!” She added, “If HAWC gets bottlenecked, none of the providers can do their jobs. So HAWC has to have enough people answering the phones to avoid that bottleneck.”

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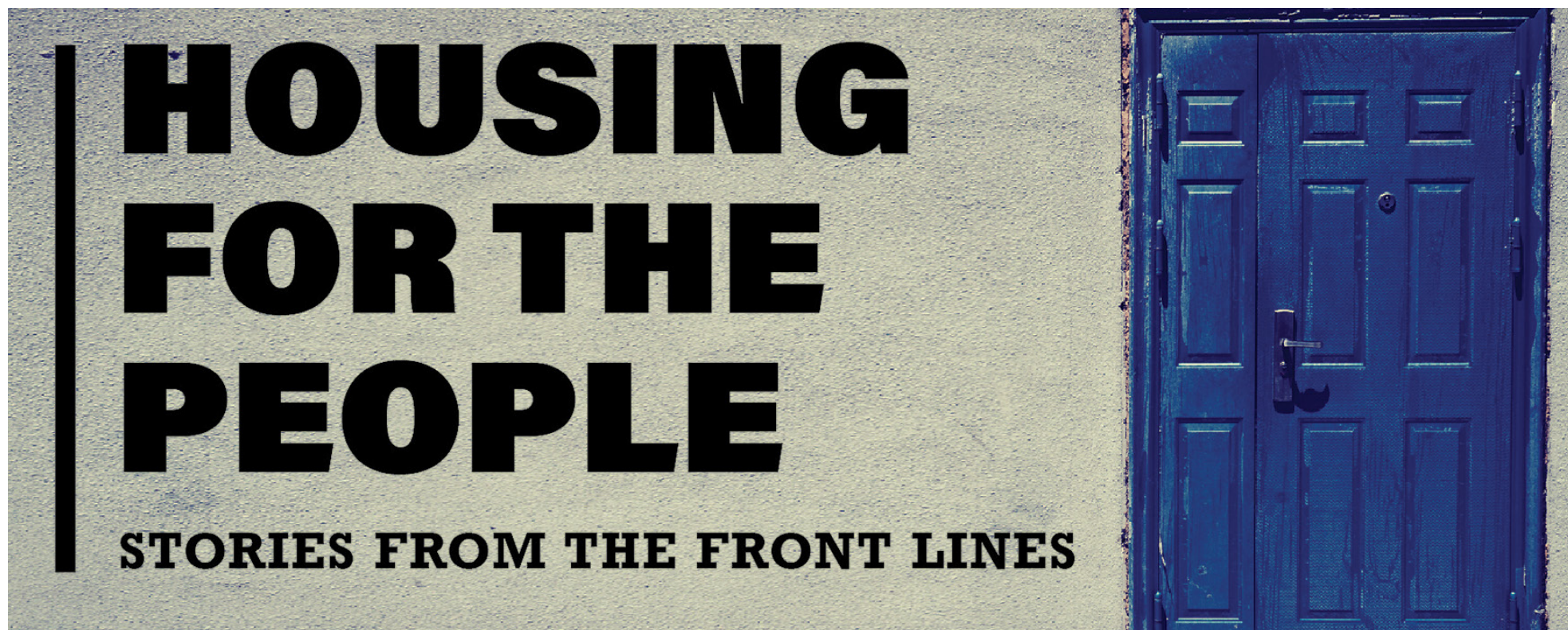
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Housing for the People: “Tennessee’s anti-homelessness law feels like someone ripping our collective hearts out”

VICKY BATCHER
The Contributor vendor

Tennessee is Vicky Batcher’s home, and she is witnessing it turn against people who don’t have shelter and must make their home on the street, a position she knows all too well from past experience. Vicky sells and writes for Nashville’s street newspaper, “The Contributor.” In the latest in INSP’s Housing for the People column, she writes about the jarring experience of seeing the place you live criminalize homeless people — people Vicky has a kinship with — as Tennessee will do with the passing of a new law.

The world is changing. Many American cities are experiencing a crack-down on homelessness. Individuals and families without a safe place to call home are being displaced with no place to go. People are losing their belongings. In Tennessee, it’s become extreme. On July 1, 2022, a new law passed making it a felony “for a person to engage in camping on the shoulder, berm, or right of way of a state or interstate highway, under a bridge or overpass or within an underpass, of a state or interstate highway.” A felony for trying to exist, to sleep. We don’t have enough shelter space, much less housing, for all the people who are homeless.

For those who don’t know, Tennessee is nicknamed “The Volunteer State.” It’s a place I call home. We’ve been through a lot. In 2010, massive floods impacted my community in

Nashville, along with many others. People suffered. Still, Tennesseans came together and helped each other. We didn’t wait for federal aid and the troops to be called in. We did what we had to do until aid could be dispatched. The TV was filled with images of trailers, cars and even schools floating away. Many people’s homes were destroyed, yet we still came together. Neighbors helping neighbors because that’s what we do in Tennessee. We volunteer to support one another.

Just before we went into lockdown in 2020 due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Nashville, our region was devastated by a series of tornadoes. Neighborhoods laid in ruins. Streets were littered with the remnants of what was once a family memory.

In 2021, tornadoes struck again; this time during the height of the pandemic. Again, people’s homes were destroyed. Tennesseans rose above. We carried on. Helping strangers without thought of reward or five minutes of fame. Still, we came together, regardless of the hardship. Again, volunteering for one another.

That’s why I am in a state of shock knowing our state has chosen to literally criminalize homelessness on public lands, a law that could potentially punish people with up to six years in prison. Not Tennessee, after all the hardship and loss of housing and witnessing so many people’s lives being destroyed. Honestly, it feels like someone ripping our collective hearts out. How could this be?

I’m housed in affordable housing in

Nashville, but there are 2000+ that remain on the streets and call encampments home. There are thousands more around the state and tens of thousands more around the country living with no toilets, no running water, no electricity and no roof over their head. It’s unacceptable. It’s inhumane.

We’ve thrown out our most vulnerable populations into the streets. There is no place left to go. More so, there are thousands more awaiting their fate. The eviction courts are overwhelmed. It’s heartbreaking to see this happening. Through all of this, people will be forced to hide their existence just to avoid arrests.

If we can hold drug dealers accountable for the deaths they cause, why can’t we hold politicians to the same standard? It’s never been done, but maybe it’s time to start. Maybe it’s time to really hold politicians accountable for the lack of affordable housing. We have laws protecting our dogs from

being left without food and water during inclement weather. Yet, our leaders choose to create laws making life worse for people. At what point do we stand up and say this isn’t working? At what point are we going to receive the human rights we deserve?

There’s no question we have failed our neighbors, but I’m convinced it’s times like these we must continue to come together to help one another. We must all volunteer and use our voices for housing justice in Tennessee, in America and throughout the world. To be honest with you, I feel like shouting fire in a crowded theater right now. “Give our neighbors a safe place to call home!” It’s something we all deserve.

Housing for the People is a column produced by the International Network of Street Papers from people on the frontlines of the housing justice movement in America and beyond. Courtesy of INSP North America / International Network of Street Papers



Media representation of homelessness

A few days ago, I sat down to do some research on how homelessness is represented in media such as TV shows, movies and other entertainment platforms. After scrolling through Google, IMDb, Netflix and many other sources for a couple hours, I realized that there’s a lot less representation of homelessness in entertainment media than I had previously thought.

This begs the question, why isn’t there any clear representation of the homeless community in so much of the media that we consume? In news and entertainment media, the issues surrounding homelessness are both not talked about enough and oversimplified when they are discussed.

One study was especially interesting to examine: the Center for Media and Social Impact took the top 30 most-watched shows in the United States and looked at how homelessness was portrayed in each one, if at all. They compiled the data and found that in these 30 shows, 82.6% of homeless characters were in only one episode rather than recurring ones, 65.2% of homeless characters had ten lines or less, and 44.4% of homeless characters were not ‘heard’



but were only ‘seen’ or ‘spoken of.’

Many of these homeless characters portrayed in TV shows are treated by writers as one-episode characters to further the larger plot of the show, rather than integral parts of the storyline. These characters also have minimal speaking lines, which diminishes the diversity of voices that we hear from characters and decreases opportunities for viewers to hear more perspectives on homelessness from homeless characters. These issues contribute to a problem that currently exists: people ignore the voices of the homeless. Without accurate representation of homeless characters, productive discussions of homelessness cannot occur among viewers and the problems of

homelessness will continue to be ignored.

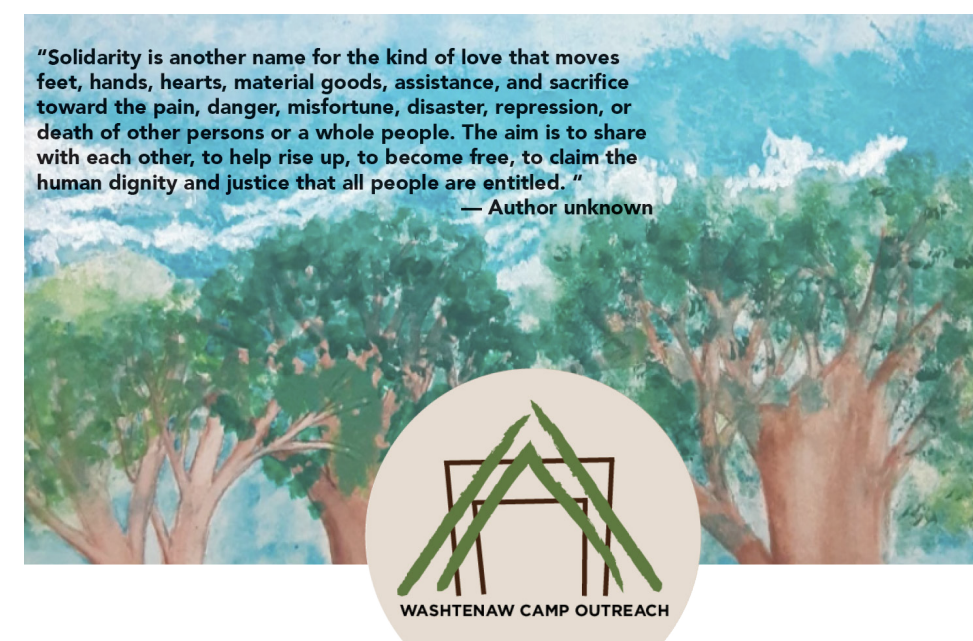
These shows were not only problematic regarding the quantity of homeless representation, they also misrepresented the issues of homelessness when the topic was brought up. In the same study by the Center for Media and Social Impact, researchers found that 76% of the top 30 U. S. shows attribute causes of homelessness to individual behavior rather than systemic issues. Many focused on drug or substance abuse, criminality, personal deficiencies and failure to pay bills, which are all individual issues. These are common causes of homelessness, but what TV shows fail to acknowledge is that these problems are effects of larger systems at play: poor healthcare and social services, a rising wage gap, educational disparities and lack of affordable housing.

Misrepresenting the causes of homelessness as individuals’ problems feeds into an already existing stereotype that homeless people are responsible for their own shortcomings, when in reality they are subject to faults within larger systems. One of the most staggering findings from the study was the oversimplification of how to end homelessness represented in the top shows in the United States. The large majority of shows that discussed how to end homelessness referenced donating to and supporting charity organizations that support the homeless community as a way to end homelessness. This solution can be a temporary fix and can certainly benefit the homeless population, but the larger systemic problems persist no matter how

much money these organizations receive. The next few most common ways to end homelessness that were talked about in shows all included individual endurance and perseverance: overcoming an inclination for criminality, ending a drug addiction, or getting a job. These factors can also help individuals find a more stable housing situation, but for many homeless individuals, these solutions are difficult to achieve, and there is much less help in achieving them than there should be.

Only 6% of these shows cited solutions such as policy changes and improvement to systems of care as solutions to homelessness. The issues of housing instability and homelessness are problems mainly because of the failure of these larger systems to help the homeless community. We won’t see any positive change within these systems if there is no acknowledgement that they are the primary cause of homelessness.

These problems with the representation of the homeless seem daunting: the great majority of shows don’t bring up issues of homelessness, and when they do, those problems are misrepresented and oversimplified. However, if you want to watch shows that have more positive representations of homelessness, I recommend “Shameless,” “The Neighborhood,” and “Vida.” These shows directly engage with issues of homelessness and housing insecurity. They’re not only important to increase the visibility of homelessness, but they create a more positive portrayal of people experiencing homelessness and shed light on the true causes and issues of homelessness.

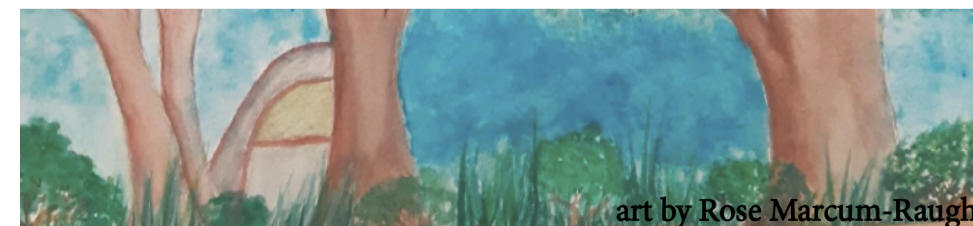


Washtenaw Camp Outreach is a community outreach group made up of individuals from various walks of life. The aim is to connect with others in the struggle, share resources and supplies, and assist others to live how they choose. We believe housing is a human right — whether that is a tent, apartment building or a house. We defend everyone’s right to a home without fear of being displaced.

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all-around herbal remedy to clean and disinfect and put the skin back in place. I had been wounded in action by friendly fire and was in healing mode for some time.

We had enough rest stops and arrived in D.C. at the end of the march. Speeches were well-amplified as we walked to the front stage. Some people found their contingent but I headed for First Aid which was well organized. My wound was clean and protected but I was a straggler at the end of the march. I found a spot on the grass to the right of the speaker's stage where I could rest and listen.

There are many stories of the suffering that arise in the life of poor workers and they were unanimous in the refrain WE WON'T BE SILENT ANY-MORE. There was constant comment on the need for a moral revival, for America to repent from the belief in violence that is at the core of our foreign and domestic policy and now explodes with increasing frequency in our public spaces. There is the sense of superiority that can grow in the hearts of the masters of violence, especially

as you go up the chain of command where drone killings supplement sanctions as favorite tools of the trade. As we learned from the Third Reich, successful mass violence is made possible by ordinary bureaucracy and paperwork. Prisons are a form of concentration camp. We need a moral revival with the spirit of solidarity that knows "an injury to one is an injury to all."

Suddenly it was time to get on the bus back to Detroit. It was not where I thought and people told me a shuttle would take us to Union Station. I didn't have the wristband that most people got so I hit the streets of D.C. and asked locals for directions. As I approached Union Station, Jay Gordon from our Groundcover delegation called me to confirm our bus. We coordinated with Union Station workers and found our bus. When you miss important cues it still is worth the struggle to continue with what is available until the mission is complete.

This mobilization was an important experience for all who attended and all who heard about it. What we do next is key. If we look around we may find our common context, be inspired to connect dots, meet fascinating people and


do interesting things. I am looking towards Labor Day and my 80th birthday on October 8, also the Day of Che in Cuba. You may contact me at kenalparks@yahoo.com or through Groundcover News.

If at first you don't succeed, try again. In order to promote curiosity and flexibility, discover your boundaries and stretch a little bit more. Breathe peace into empty space.

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LOGIC PUZZLES
JAN GOMBERT
GROUND COVER CONTRIBUTOR

1. Jimmy's mother had four children. She named the first Monday. She named the second Tuesday, and she named the third Wednesday. What is the name of the fourth child?

2. A man has a fox, a hen and some corn. He must take them across a river in a boat, but the boat can only hold the man and one other item. How can the man take the fox, hen and corn across, never leaving the fox with the hen (who would eat the hen) or the hen with the corn (who would eat the corn)?

Emmett Till's story — the horrific lynching of a 14-year-old boy in Mississippi

In the first edition of Groundcover News August 2022 publication, we shared the story of courageous Ida B. Wells's crusade to stop lynching in America during her lifetime. In this second edition, we are presenting the horrific and painful story of the lynching of Emmett Till, a 14-year-old Chicago boy who travelled to Mississippi on a summer vacation in August 1955 to see members of his Mississippi family.

When Ed Bradley, a famous, award-winning CBS Journalist presented the October 2004 "60 Minutes" story on the murder of Emmett Till, he noted that some people might wonder why CBS was presenting the story of a boy who was lynched in 1955. Bradley said that one justification was that President George Bush's Justice Department had reopened the Emmett Till case when new troubling evidence emerged to support the theory that up to 14 people (white and Black) were involved in the murder of the 14-year-old boy.



Emmett Till was lynched when he was 14 years old.

A March 29, 2022 news release by the Equal Justice Initiative said that its two reports, "Reconstruction in America" (2020) and "Lynching in America" (2015) documented more than 6500 racial terror lynchings in the United States during the period after the Civil War, going right up until 1950. According to the Equal Justice Initiative, more than 100 ant-lynching legislative bills have been proposed in Congress for more than 100 years, but it was not until Feb. 28, 2022, that the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Emmett Till Anti-Lynching Act. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer tried harder, and succeeded in getting Senate approval of the legislation on March 7, and on March 29 President Joe Biden signed the Emmett Till Anti-Lynching Act into law. This law makes lynching a federal hate crime offense. A summary of the law says that specifically, the bill imposes criminal penalties — a fine, a



prison term of up to 30 years, or both — on an individual who conspires to commit a hate crime offense that results in death or serious bodily injury or that includes kidnapping or an attempt to kidnap, aggravated sexual abuse or an attempt to commit aggravated sexual abuse, or an attempt to kill.

Who Is Emmett Till?

Emmett Louis Till was born in Chicago on July 25, 1941. He died on August 28, 1955 in Mississippi. His mother, Mamie Till, arrived in Chicago from Mississippi when she was two years old. Her family was part of the second wave of "The Great Black Migration" from the South to the North. Highly acclaimed journalists Isabella Wilkinson and Nicholas Lehman wrote extensively about the Great Black Migrations, and how they changed America.

Emmett Till's father was Louis Till. He enlisted in the U.S. military to fight against the German Nazis in World War II. He was killed on the battlefield, and the only thing that was returned to his wife Mamie was a finger ring with the initials, LT. Mamie gave the ring to Emmett, and he wore it during his visit to Mississippi.

Emmett was described by his mother as an energetic, happy and joyful child. He liked to laugh, and he enjoyed cracking jokes to make other people laugh. His mom said he was very good in art and sciences, and always excited about learning something new. When he was younger, he was stricken by the polio virus. He survived; however, the polio caused Emmett to have impaired speech when he was under stress.

Emmett's younger cousin Simeon Wright, who lived in Mississippi, said that when he visited Chicago, Emmett took him to Lincoln Park and Riverfront Park to see Chicago's Northern neighborhoods. Emmett's older cousin, Wheeler Parker, said that Emmett was very outgoing and made friends very easily. In 1955, Emmett had Black friends and white friends.



Mamie Till mourning the loss of Emmett, her son. Photo credit: The Washington Post.

Emmett Till's Journey from Chicago to Money, Mississippi

Emmett Till's great uncle Rev. Moses Wright visited Chicago in August 1955. He was invited to deliver the eulogy for an old friend at his funeral. Emmett wanted to travel with Rev. Wright when he headed back to Mississippi. Mamie was apprehensive and concerned about how Emmett could fit into a Southern culture saturated with restrictive segregation laws which deprived Black Southerners of their civil rights. Mamie read the Black Code for Survival in Mississippi to her son before the trip down south. She emphasized avoiding face-to-face conversation with any white woman, to walk a different way when he saw a white woman walking by. Emmett promised to behave in accordance with his Mom's advice.

Emmett's cousin Wheeler, 16 years old at the time, joined him and Rev. Wright on the train bound for Mississippi. When they arrived at their destination, they all went to Moses Wright's house in a small town known as Money. During the daytime, Emmett would join his cousins Simeon and Wheeler in a routine chore of picking cotton at the Greenwood Cotton Estate. Emmett's uncle Moses was a share-cropper. The family picked cotton and shared the profit with the plantation owner.

Nothing bad happened to Emmett for about two weeks in Money, Mississippi. He was trying to enjoy his summer vacation. He told some of the Black Folks how life was in Chicago, that they might have segregated schools and neighborhoods but still Black Chicagoans had more liberty and greater freedom of interracial association. He would reach into his wallet and bring out the headshot of a white girl who he claimed was his girlfriend. But meanwhile, word had gotten out about a young Chicago Negro who was very

confident and acting above his own race. Some of the Black families in Money thought that Emmett was corrupting the young people with talk about freedom and opportunities in Chicago. Some white people, like J.W. Milam and Roy Bryant, believed that Emmett was not behaving the way Black boys should behave in a segregated Jim Crow South.

One hot Friday afternoon, after picking cotton in the fields, Emmett and his cousins borrowed Rev. Wright's vehicle and drove to Bryant's Grocery and Meat Market. The cashier was 21-year-old Carolyn Bryant, wife of the store owner. The cousins bought candies. Some of the cousins dared young Emmett to say something to get Carolyn's attention. Eyewitnesses said that he did not utter a word, but he whistled. Carolyn was upset because Black males were not allowed to whistle at a white female. Emmett's cousins told him that he had broken one Black Survival Code rule, and they scrambled and got in the car and sped away.

Roy Bryant was away on a business trip. When he came back, Carolyn told him a version of the incident that he found very upsetting. At 2:30 a.m. on Sunday, Roy Bryant and his half-brother J.W. Milam arrived at Rev. Moses Wright's house. They were looking for Emmett Till. Rev. Wright said that the two men entered his house late at night with a pistol and a flashlight, abducted the young boy from Chicago, and drove away.

Emmett's cousin Wheeler said, "A man had a pistol in one hand and a flashlight in the other, and they passed right by me, and then they passed by my cousin Curtis," he said. "At around 3 a.m., they took Emmett. We stayed up all night in silence. It seemed like daylight would never come."

Emmett was beaten badly and

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Affordable Housing is a National Crisis, it is not unique to Ann Arbor!

Rent in AA is just like avocados. If the cost of making avocados goes up, then you pay more for them in the grocery store. Nobody is going to grow and sell avocados (or apartments) to lose money.

The State of Michigan has a law that prevents Rent Control.

City Council recently passed a new "Early Leasing Signing Ordinance." Tenants used to have approximately six months to seek out a place to live and the new ordinance has reduced that to less than two months. Council needs to learn about a basic economic principle called "Supply and Demand" as they tighten the rental market by limiting access. This limitation has put tremendous upward pressure on rents as all demand is squeezed into less than two months. Guess Who Pays (GWP) in the end, the Tenants.

The City has a new brainchild called "The Right to Renew" but not at fixed rent which would be rent control. Landlords are glad to renew a lease if the terms were followed; it saves them \$. Landlords and Tenants will spend more money on legal fees when a Tenant and Landlord disagree

on "Their Right To Renew." GWP.

The City is about to institute A2Zero to reduce our carbon footprint to zero. A great program, it is needed to help save our planet. About the 55% of the residents of AA are Tenants so Council is placing almost ALL requirements and expenses for A2Zero on just Rental Housing. Why not spread the expenses of A2Zero over ALL areas, ALL residents and structures and get faster results? The answer is Political. Landlords only have a few votes and homeowners have a lot. Guess Who Pays for ALL the A2Zero mandates (new electric furnaces, water heaters, stoves, new windows, etc.) to Rental Housing, that's right, the Tenants.

There are many, many things the City could do to reduce rents. It could start with eliminating sewer and water hook up fees to affordable housing projects or giving a tax rebate tied to rent reduction in affordable housing units, it could have required new Affordable Housing Units as part of the Briarwood Area Rezoning which lined their buddies' pockets via increased density. They could even consult professionals in an area before they mandate changes, not just listen to the most vocal 100 students. Council never sought input from Landlords and Stakeholders

about the Early Lease Signing Ordinance. Perhaps they think they are more knowledgeable than all the Housing Providers in AA regarding rental property issues? They are about to learn another economic principle called, "The Law of Unintended Consequences" when you legislate in a hurry with emotion and no in depth research.

The City has an ordinance that prevents more than six unrelated people from living in a rental housing unit. Why does this even exist, can't adults decide for themselves? It prevents large, more A2Zero-efficient group housing. Removing this limitation will instantly increase housing stock. Who gains if removed: Landlords AND Tenants but it may decrease City income. Politics anyone? GWP.

Call, text, or email City Council members and tell them you support applying A2Zero mandates to ALL AA residents and structures NOT just Rental Properties. Don't forget to Vote, maybe for new people who are less political, who will research and investigate consequences before they legislate and will stop raising our rents.

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tortured. His nose was sliced by a butcher knife. His ears were cut. His face was severely bruised. He was shot with a long gun in the head which created big holes. It was alleged that some Black employees of J.W. Milam helped Milam and Bryant torture Emmett.

Quite recently, we have learned that in 1955 an arrest warrant was signed for Carolyn Bryant Donham in Leflore County for the murder of Emmet Till. In 1955 the Sheriff did not serve the arrest warrant, and "A group searching the basement of the Leflore County Courthouse in June discovered the unserved secret arrest warrant..."

A recent "Huffington Post" article by Emily Wagster-Pettus and Jay Reeves is entitled "Mississippi Attorney General Doesn't Plan to Prosecute Emmett Till Accuser." It noted that "Till's battered, disfigured body was found days later in a river, where it was weighed down with a heavy metal fan. The decision by his mother, Mamie Till Mobley, to open Till's Casket for his funeral in Chicago demonstrated the horror of what had happened, and added fuel to the civil rights movement." The "Huffington Post" staff writers continued, "Deborah Watts, a cousin of Emmett Till who leads the Emmett Till Legacy Foundation, said the unserved arrest warrant

and memoir are new evidence that show [Carolyn Bryant] Donham's involvement in the case."

Donham is now about 88 years old, and she has communicated to some journalists that she is writing a memoir. Even with all the new revelations, Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch's Chief of Staff Michelle Williams said, "There is no new evidence to open the case back up."

The Trial and Acquittal of Emmett Till's Murderers

In a comment to the producers of a documentary film about Emmet Till's lynching, Mamie Till said, "I saw a hole which I presume is a bullet hole. I could look through that hole and see daylight on the other side, and I wonder, was it necessary to shoot him?" Another commentator in the documentary movie "The Untold Story of Emmet Till's Lynching" said the following about the way of life in 1955 Mississippi: "When women walk on the street, you have to get off the street because that is the way of life. All the white woman had to say was that Negro kinda looked at me, assessed me. You are talking about a way of life that was enforced by law."

The funeral of Emmett Till attracted more than 50,000 mourners. Mamie Till said, "When people saw what

happened to my son, men stood up who had never stood up before. People become more vocalized."

With a renewed fighting spirit, Mamie decided to attend the trial in Mississippi. Roy Bryant and J.W. Milam were arrested by Sheriff George Smith of Greenwood County. The trial started in September, 1955.

Carolyn Bryant was the defense's key witness. She testified during the trial that Emmett Till made lewd advances towards her. It is noteworthy that in 2007 when she was 72, she recanted and told an investigative journalist that her testimony during the trial was all made up, that the 14-year-old Emmett Till did not do anything he was accused of doing. The prosecution's key witnesses were 64-year-old sharecropper Rev. Moses Wright and 18-year-old Willie Reed who heard the beating and torture of Emmett Till from a nearby building. After Rev. Wright pointed to Roy Bryant and J.W. Milam as the men who came to his house, abducted and killed Emmett Till, the lead defense attorney (in his summation) warned members in the all-white jury that their ancestors would turn in their grave if defendants Bryant and Milam were found guilty. It took the jury approximately one hour to acquit. On January 24, 1956, J.W. Milam and Roy Bryant received \$4,000 from "Look Magazine"

in exchange for their confession to the torture and killing of Emmett Till. The "Double Jeopardy Rule" prevented another trial.

Conclusion

False accusations that lead to lynching, murder or dishonor are terrible realities. They happen more frequently than people realize. Where will the falsely accused go to get their reputation back?

What propels a woman to make false statements that would lead to the lynching and torture of a 14-year-old? The stories of Emmett Till, along with Ida B. Wells, have challenged us to be eternally vigilant about injustice, especially racial injustice. Dr Martin Luther King admonished us when he said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Ida B. Wells said, "...I felt I owed it to myself and to my race to tell the whole truth."

Before she died in 2003 at the age of 81, Mamie Till Mobley reflected on Emmett's sacrifice. Emmett was the catalyst that started the civil rights movement because people saw what happened to this little 14-year-old boy, and they knew that not only were Black men in danger, but Black children as well ... And it is something to stir people up, let them know that either we stand together or fall together.

Kitchen sink vegan banana bread

LUIZA DUARTE CAETANO
Groundcover contributor

Ingredients:

3 very ripe bananas, mashed
 1/3 cup fat (melted butter, coconut oil, sunflower oil ...)
 2 tbsp milk (plant-based or from your local cow if vegan is less important)
 1/2 cup sugar
 1 1/4 cup flour
 1/2 tsp baking powder (if you used self-rising flour you won't need this)
 1/2 tsp baking soda
 1 tsp salt
 2 tsp Christmassy spices (cinnamon and/or allspice, ground cloves, ginger ... you choose)
 Optional: 1/2 cup of kitchen sink extras (chocolate chips, chopped nuts, seeds, coconut flakes, dried fruit or whatever else is lying around in your cabinet and fridge)

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 375F.
2. Sift and mix together the flour,



baking powder, baking soda and spices.

3. In a separate bowl, mix the mashed bananas, fat, sugar and milk.

4. Add the dry ingredients and mix with a spatula or spoon just until you can't see any flour lumps anymore. Add your choice of optional extras, if using, and mix just until incorporated.

5. Bake in a greased and floured tin for 40-50 minutes until golden brown or until a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean.

6. Wait for it to cool before cutting. Store covered or freeze sliced bread to toast whenever you fancy a warm, spicy treat.

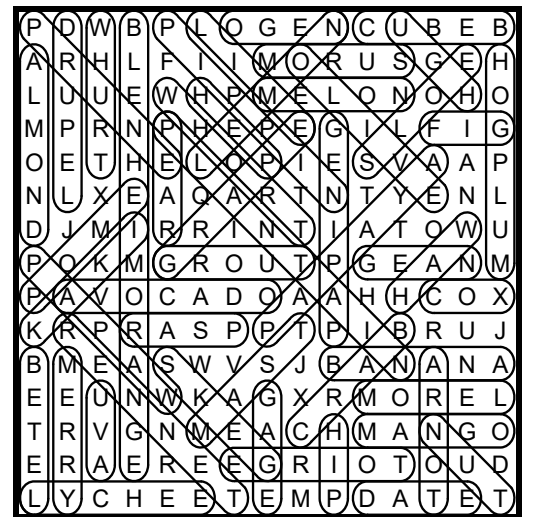
Candy lovers' elegy

RON PAGERSKI
Groundcover contributor

Candy, candy everywhere,
 I have a bunch, I will share.
 I will shout it loud and far.
 I'm dying for a Snickers bar.
 Candy is my weakness I do say
 so pass me that Milky Way.
 I think candy is where it's at,
 Hey! Will you share that Kit Kat?
 It's so sweet and boy oh boy,
 how I love the Almond Joy!
 Candy, candy it's my passion,
 Skittles and Nerds, also in fashion.
 Candy is great that is the truth,
 think I'll have another Baby Ruth.
 I love candy, it's my downfall
 but I love candy, big or small.
 Candy lovers are pro's, not rookies
 we'll even settle for chocolate chip cookies.
 So call on us if you ever need us,
 We'll be eating sweets and courting
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PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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Logic puzzle solutions: 1. Jimmy, 2. It takes seven crossings. The man first takes the hen across the river. Then he goes back and picks up the fox. When he gets to the far side, he drops off the fox but returns with the chicken (he can't leave the two together). Then he drops off the chicken at the starting point and brings the corn across. Finally, he returns, picks up the chicken, and brings it to the far side.

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